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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Examiner rejects claims 1-23, 25-31, and 33-35 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Business Wire (Business Wire, "ShopLink Selects Descartes' e-Business Home Delivery Solution to Optimize Service and Delivery for the Online Grocery and Household Service," Descartes Press Release, Business Wire, 6 August 1999) in view of CNN Matthews (CNN Matthews, "The Descartes Systems Group Unveils Revolutionary Web-Based Delivery Management System to Monitor the Flow of Products Throughout the Entire High-Tech Supply Chain," Canadian Corporate News, 13 October 1998). Claims 24 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Business Wire and CNN Matthews, and further in view of the Examiner's Official Notice.

The publication date of the Business Wire reference is August 6, 1999. However, the Applicant invented the claimed invention on or before August 6, 1999, and diligently reduced it to practice by October 5, 2000 as set forth in the accompanying Rule 131 declaration. The Applicant has therefore antedated the Business Wire reference and obviated this rejection.

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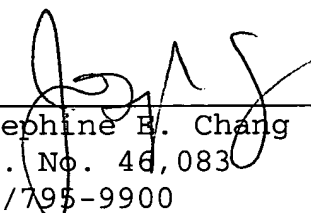
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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early indication of allowance of claims 1-36.

Respectfully submitted,

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